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just let it go down.

SENATOR WITEK: No.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: That's how you could save the money.

SENATOR WITEK: If we allow that contract...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: But I don't ...

SENATOR WITEK: ...to continue but we don't charge an extra dollar, will that for-profit company still be...still be handling state records for a profit?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, that's the green copy of 590 that I would have voted for to begin with, yes.

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Witek. Any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Kristensen to close.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature, and I think Senator Witek was correct in terms of the way that she was following through what's going to happen here. It's a matter of when we put the labels on whether the state's going going to make a profit. Basically, this bill is designed for the mechanism, this is the A bill that's going to take the mechanism to get those fees that are going to be collected now and they've got to come, instead of the private company, they're going to come to the state. We need a mechanism then to get them over to the Secretary of State to carry out, either to be the gatekeeper or the network manager, or to hire a third party firm to do those sorts of things. There are limits here on salaries and per diems that are limited to \$35,000 each of the next two years, so you won't be creating a huge bureaucracy because of those limits. With that, I'd urge the advancement of the A bill.

SENATOR CROSBY: You've heard the closing. The question is the advancement to E & R for 590A. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, please.